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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/666,945

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Applicant: Daniel S. Eichorn et al. .

Examiner: Vu, Hien D.

Title: CIRCUIT BOARD INTER-CONNECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, imposing a Restriction Requirement between:

Species 1, depicted in Figs. 1-4; and

Species 2, depicted in Figs. 6-8.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species 1, and identify claims 1-11 and 20-25 as readable on Species 1.

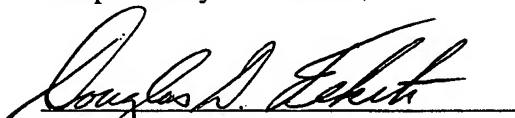
The Office Action alleges that no claims are generic. Applicants respectfully traverse, and contend that claims 1-4, 20-23 and 25 are generic.

Accordingly, Applicants traverse the requirement, and upon allowance of a generic claim, reserve a right to consideration of claims to Species 2, as well as the provisionally elected Species 1.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas D. Fekete", is written over a horizontal line.

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